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Sir:

This is a request for filing a \boxtimes continuation, \square divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 09/323,181, (Confirmation No. 8868), filed May 28, 1999.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the X specification; X claims; X abstract; X declaration; X power of attorney; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

- Newly executed (original or copy).

 Copy from a prior application (No.08/745,618 filed November 7, 1996) (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- The prior application, Application No. 08/745,618, filed November 7, 1996 is assigned of record to Vascular Science Inc., now by change of name (also of record) St. Jude Medical Cardiovascular Group, Inc.

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